

REMARKS

The Office Action of December 13, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto.

Claims 1-3, 6, and 9-24 are pending.

Applicants expressly thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 21-24.

Claims 1 and 6 are currently amended. No new matter has been entered. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 4-5 and 7-8 were previously cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 9-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Abbasi in view of Haartsen. Applicants traverse.

Claim 1 recites:

“ wherein said existing base stations may or may not modify their list of base stations.”

Abbasi is cited by the Examiner as teaching handoff and transmitting information to other base stations. Abbasi fails to teach transmitting a list of base stations. The Examiner relies on Haartsen to add the teaching missing from Abbasi.

Haartsen teaches transmitting the list of broadcast control channels to other base stations. Haartsen fails to teach or suggest that the “existing base stations may or may not modify their list of base stations.” Accordingly, because the combination fails to disclose each and every element of claim 1, Applicants submit that claim 1 is allowable.

Claim 6 has been similarly amended and is believed allowable.

Claims 2 and 9-20 are believed allowable for at least being dependent on claims 1 and 6, respectively.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abbasi in view of Haartsen and Dolan. Applicants traverse.

Claim 3 is allowable for at least being dependent on claim 1.

All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. Applicants hereby give authorization to charge any fee associated with this submission or any additional fee due to Deposit Account 19-0733. If there are any questions the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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